

26th Jan 2020

EXPECT the UNEXPECTED!



Seeing God's blessings abound this festive season

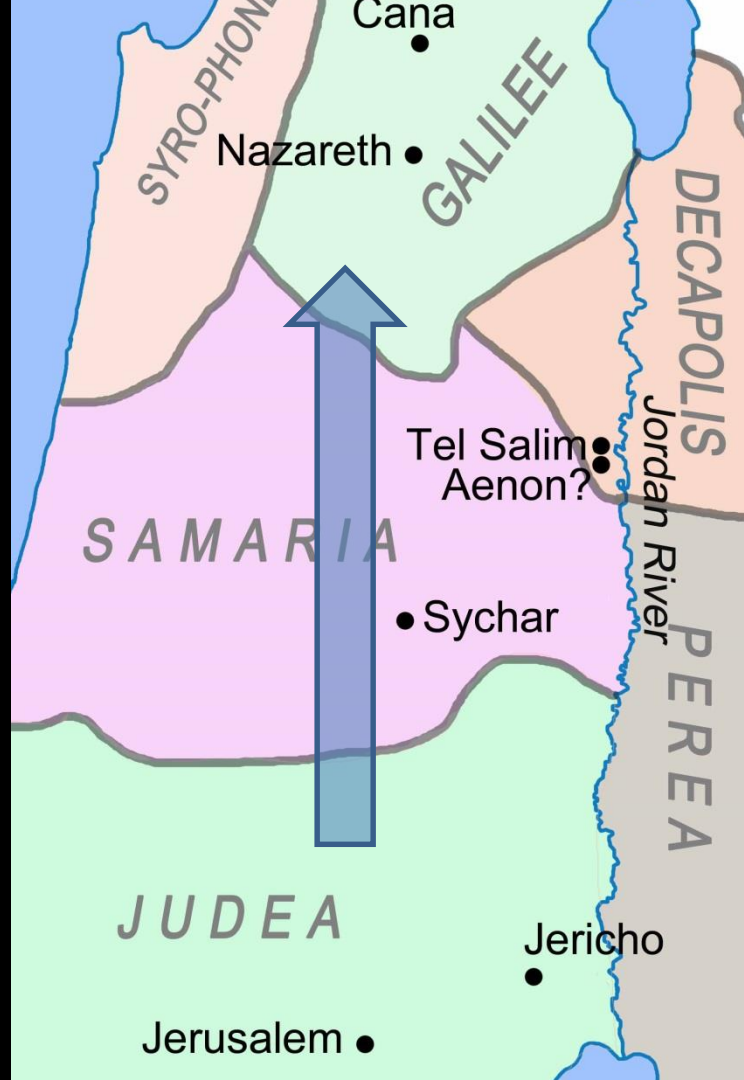
7 Unexpected Blessings God has Prepared for us this Festive Season

I. Unexpected Rest (vv4-6)



John 4:4

And [Jesus] had to pass through Samaria.



John 4:6b

...so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey...

Some Descriptions of Jesus (until John 4)

- God (1:1)
- the Creator (1:3)
- Bearer of Life (1:4a)
- the True Light (1:9)
- the One who makes others into children of God (1:12)
- the One who baptises with the Spirit (1:33)
- zealous for God (2:17)
- aware of what was in the hearts of people (2:25)
- the Saviour of the world (3:17)
- the One above all (3:31)
- the One who gives the Spirit without measure (3:34)

John 4:6

Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

God gives the Blessing of Rest

7 Unexpected Blessings God has Prepared for us this Festive Season

II. Unexpected Companionship (vv7-9)

I. Unexpected Rest



John 4:6b-7a

***It was about the sixth hour. A woman
from Samaria came to draw water.***

John 4:7b

Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”

John 4:9a

The Samaritan woman said to him...



John 4:9

The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

God gives the Blessing of Companionship

7 Unexpected Blessings God has Prepared for us this Festive Season

III. Unexpected Drink (vv10-15)

I. Unexpected Rest

II. Unexpected Companionship





Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

John 4:10



**The woman said to him, “Sir,
you have nothing to draw water
with, and the well is deep.
Where do you get that living
water?”**

John 4:11



“Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”

John 4:12



Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again”

John 4:13



**“The water that I will give him
will become in him a spring of
water welling up to eternal
life.”**

John 4:14b



“Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

John 7:38



“Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit...

John 7:38-39a




**“The water that I will give him
will become in him a spring of
water welling up to eternal
life.”**

John 4:14b




**“I came that they may have
life and have it abundantly.”**

John 10:10b

A close-up photograph of a dark brown branch with several clusters of light purple cherry blossoms. The flowers have five petals each and are speckled with darker purple spots. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light purple.

**The woman said to him, “Sir,
give me this water, so that I will
not be thirsty or have to come
here to draw water.”**

John 4:15



...For he whom God has sent [...] gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life...

John 3:34b-36a

God gives the Blessing of the Holy Spirit

7 Unexpected Blessings God has Prepared for us this Festive Season

IV. Unexpected Revelation (vv16-26)

- I. Unexpected Rest**
- II. Unexpected Companionship**
- III. Unexpected Drink**



John 4:15

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”



John 4:15

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”



John 4:15

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”



Jeremiah 2:13

for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me, the fountain of
living waters, and hewed out cisterns for
themselves, broken cisterns that can hold
no water.



John 4:16

**Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband,
and come here.”**



John 4:17-18

The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”



John 4:19

The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.”



John 4:25

The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”



John 4:26

**Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you
am he.”**



God gives the Blessing of Jesus Revealed

7 Unexpected Blessings God has Prepared for us this Festive Season

V. Unexpected Conversion (vv27-30)

I. Unexpected Rest

II. Unexpected Companionship

III. Unexpected Drink

IV. Unexpected Revelation



John 4:27

Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?”



John 4:28-29

So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”



John 4:30

**They went out of the town and were
coming to him.**



John 3:36a

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life



God gives the Blessing of Saving Faith

7 Unexpected Blessings God has Prepared for us this Festive Season

VI. Unexpected Food (vv31-34)

I. Unexpected Rest

II. Unexpected Companionship

III. Unexpected Drink

IV. Unexpected Revelation

V. Unexpected Conversion

John 4:31

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

John 4:32

But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”

John 4:33

**So the disciples said to one another,
“Has anyone brought him something to
eat?”**

John 4:34

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

Acts 20:35b

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

God gives the Blessing of True Satisfaction

7 Unexpected Blessings God has Prepared for us this Festive Season

VII. Unexpected Partnership (vv35-38)

I. Unexpected Rest

II. Unexpected Companionship

III. Unexpected Drink

IV. Unexpected Revelation

V. Unexpected Conversion

VI. Unexpected Food

John 4:35

“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.”

John 4:36

“Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.”

John 4:38

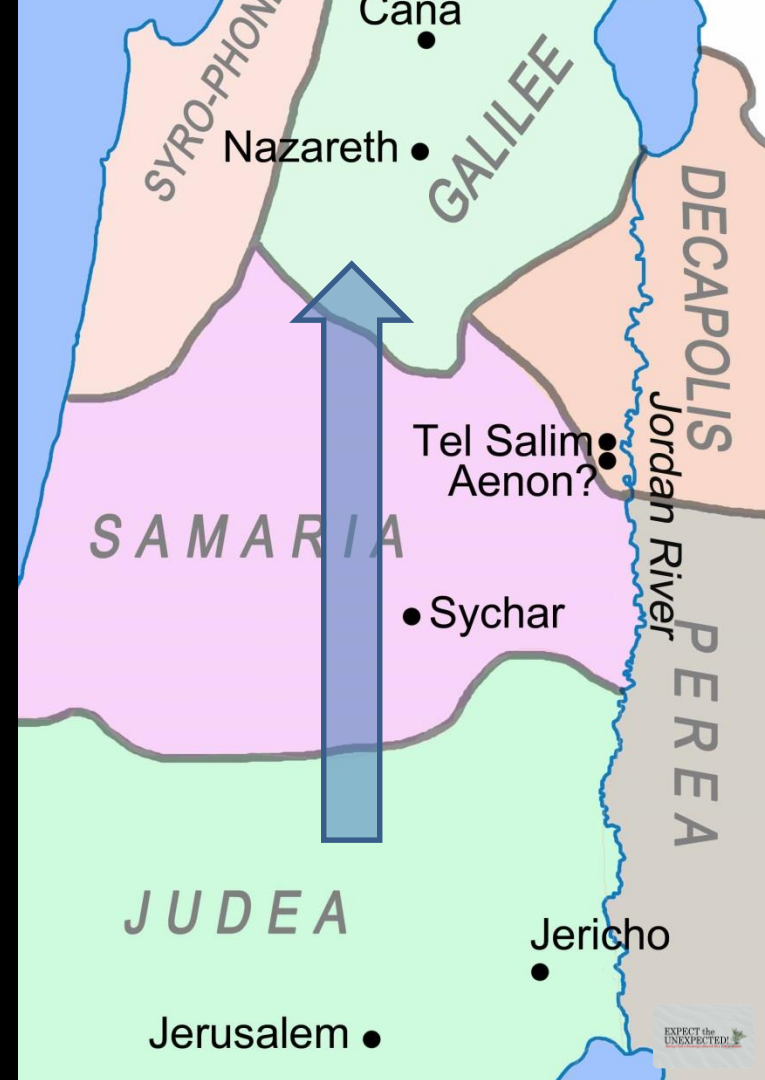
“I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Matthew 15:24

He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

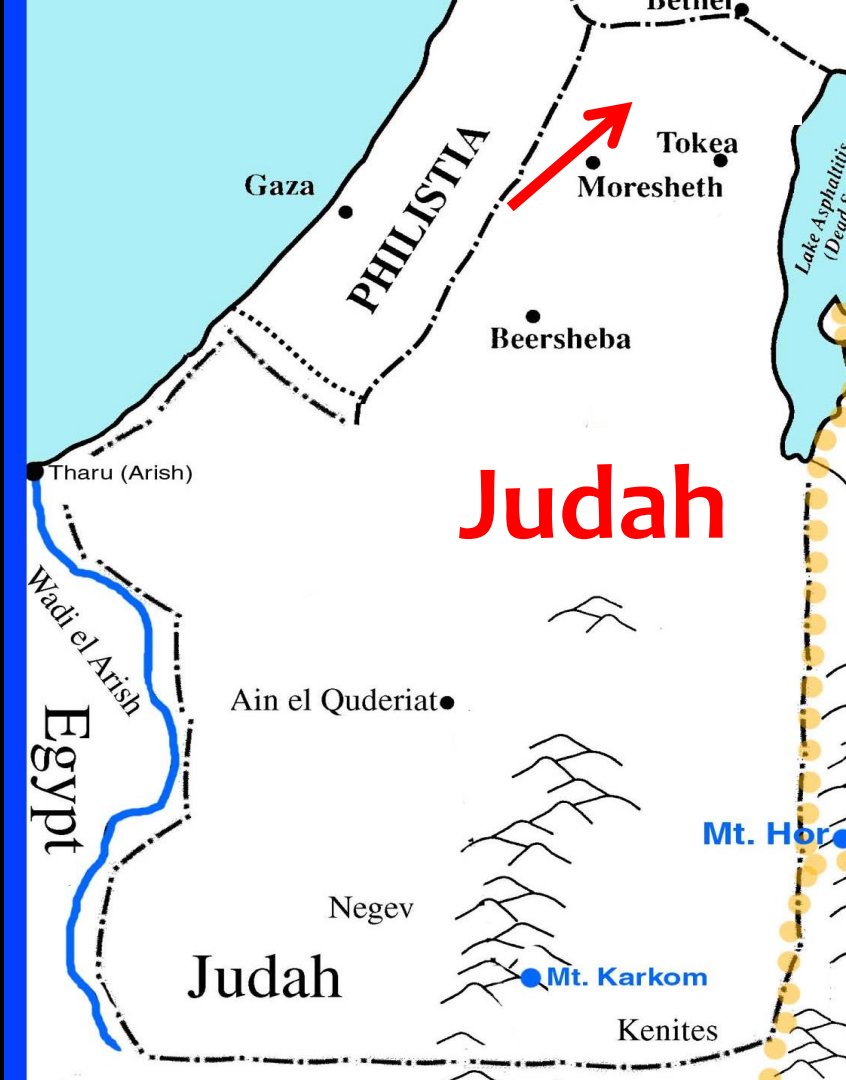
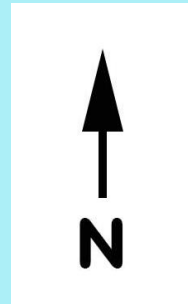
Matthew 15:24

He answered, “I was sent
only to the lost sheep of
the house of Israel.”



Divided Kingdoms of Israel and Judah 931-723/587 BC

www.bible.ca/maps
Steven Rudd 2017



2 Kings 17:29

But every nation still made gods of its own and put them in the shrines of the high places that the Samaritans had made, every nation in the cities in which they lived.

2 Kings 17:34

They do not fear the LORD, and they do not follow the statutes or the rules or the law or the commandment that the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel.

God gives the Blessing of Partnership

John 20:30-31

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.